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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit the list of these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application. The above-identified application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/295,503 and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/060,120. These prior applications are being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Because the listed references were either cited by the PTO or submitted to the PTO in the prior application, under 37 CFR § 1.98(d), Applicants submit that copies need not be provided.

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